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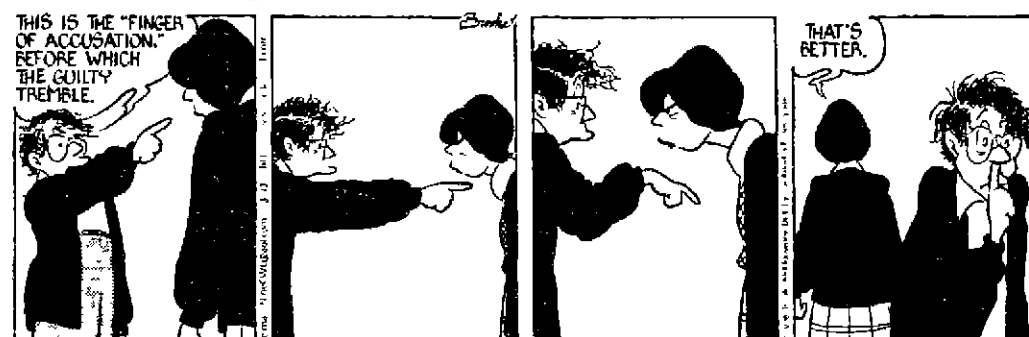
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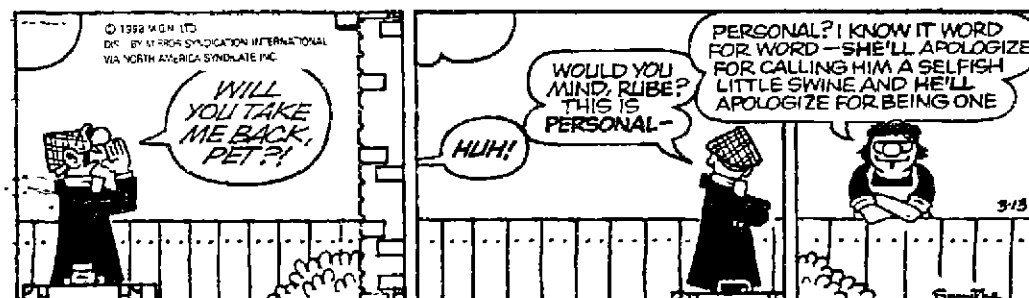
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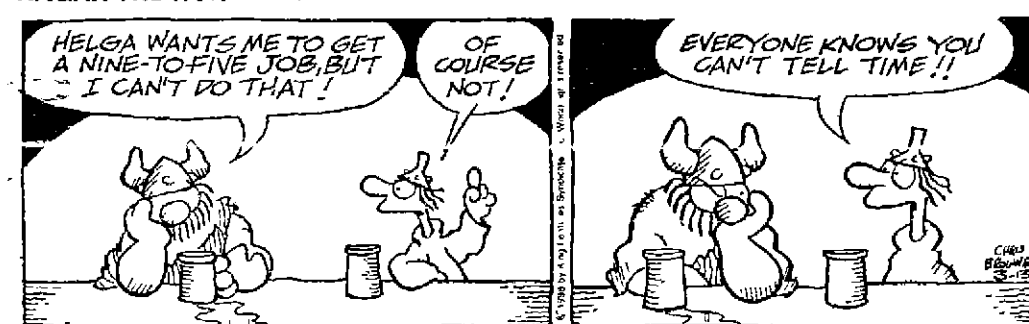
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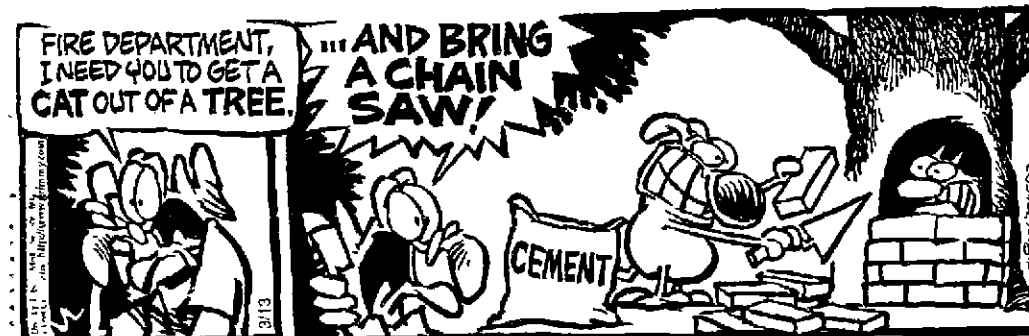
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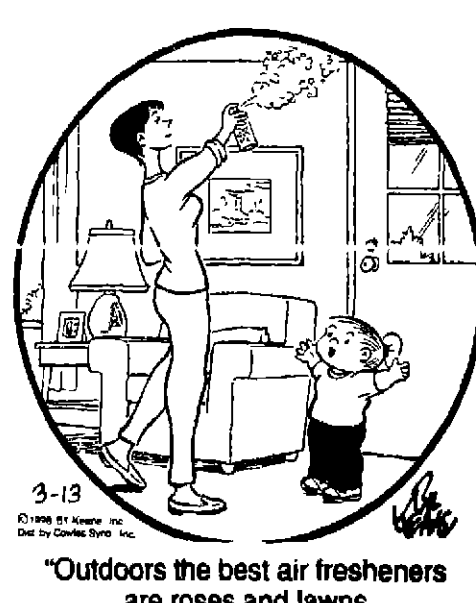
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Country singer Liz Anderson is 68. Opera singer Rosalind Elias is 67. Songwriter Mike Stoller is 65. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 59. Actor William H. Macy is 48. Actress Deborah Raffin is 45. Comedian Robin Duke is 44. Actress Dana Delany is 42. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 38. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 36. Actress Annabeth Gish is 27. Actress Tracy Wells is 27. Rapper Khujo (Goodie Mob) is 26.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

G	G	I	I	N	N	R	
V	L	A	A	H	H	S	2nd Letter Triple
R	M	H	H	E	T	N	
R	A	O	S	M	R	D	3rd Letter Triple

PAR SCORE 125-135

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 3-13-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, March 14, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Withdrawing into yourself is not the best way to get along. You could have inner doubts about a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Rise above a tendency to sell yourself short, don't dwell on a financial limitation or a setback.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You could feel that you can't afford a trip at present. New inspirations and insights come while you're by yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A tendency to dwell on problems in connection with work should be checked. Rise above feelings of self-doubt.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) There is a likelihood that one appointment won't be kept. A family problem could make you downcast and not in the mood for socializing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You might not let it show, but inwardly you could be disappointed about romance or a happening in a child's life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You could feel you're not getting the recognition you deserve in connection with the job. Unexpected company drops by.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) It is a good time to take the children shopping. Supplement your health routine with the proper amount of exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be sure to accept someone's offer of help on a work-related project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Partners are in agreement regarding the use of joint assets. There will be one mix-up in communications with a higher-up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You could hear of an investment opportunity through an unexpected source.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You'll get helpful business advice from an unexpected quarter.

WORD SLEUTH

Protective Covering

Z E B Y V L S Q N K H E B Y W
T R O L J G L L E H S M A L C
A T M O S P H E R E E B Y P W
U R P N K E I L B G D B A Z X
V S Q O M T C K L G I I G E C
A Y W U R E Y A L E N O Z O S
Q P N O L M L J P T H I H F E
C A M I L L E H S A E S V A V
U R A S U E O F O O R N G I P
A N S M K H C R O P K A T G D
J H K F S E C N O O C O C B E

Thursday's unlisted clue: GAGS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Friday's unlisted clue hint: PROTECTS THE BRAIN

Armor Cocoon Mask Roof
Atmosphere Diving bell Ozone layer Seashell
Carapace Eggshell Paint Tent
Clamshell Helmet Porch

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

A favorable opening lead and a wealth of "stoppers" in every suit might easily bait one into a careless approach. Test yourself in today's game. What should South play to tacks one and two?

When West leads his fourth-best spade to dummy's 10, it seems routine to finesse to the diamond queen. Unfortunately, the punishment for this indiscretion is severe. When West wins his king, he sees a possible future only in hearts, so he shifts to his heart nine. Dummy and East cover and South is in trouble. He wins his ace, runs his clubs and tests the diamonds. When diamonds fail to break, his chances disappear. When he leads a spade, West wins to cash his diamond, and another heart lead through dummy's queen beats the game. How should South play to ensure this game? His first challenge is recognizing which opponent threatens danger. Whom should he keep off lead? In today's layout, West is the dangerous opponent. A heart shift by West might hurt, a heart shift by East cannot. Therefore, South should overtake dummy's spade 10 at trick one to lead a low diamond toward dummy's jack. If West ducks and shifts to hearts, it's too late to beat the game. If West ducks, dummy's jack wins, and South concedes a spade for the same result. What if the diamond jack were to lose to a possible king with East? South would still have his game. East could not attack in hearts without giving South two heart winners, and South would have time to test for overtricks.

NORTH 93-13 A
K J 10
Q 10 6
J 5 3
A J 10 5

WEST EAST
A 7 6 5 3 4 2
K J 10 6 K J 7 5 2
Q 10 6 Q 10 6
J 5 3 J 5 3
A 3 A 9 6 4 2

SOUTH
K 9 8
Q 9 8
A 9 8
K 8 7

Vulnerable Both
Dealer: South

The bidding
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade five

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0130

ACROSS

- 1 Warplane's cargo
- 18 Predictable type
- 17 West pointers, at times
- 18 Doom
- 19 — Altos, Calif.
- 20 Clamped securely
- 21 Extra effort, for short
- 22 Pack leader, in Cub Scouts
- 24 Kind of cabinet
- 27 Law breakers, of a kind
- 31 Hot time in Québec
- 32 Not on —
- 34 Do-re-mi
- 35 Double standard?
- 36 Palindromist's principle
- 38 Pay cut
- 39 Checked items
- 41 "Intolerance" actress
- 42 Jasmine, for one
- 43 Dendes
- 46 Blue-pencils
- 48 Big name in oil
- 49 Opposite of bellum
- 50 Classical lync poem
- 52 Done, to Donne
- 53 Popular cooking spray
- 56 Many a lawyer's office

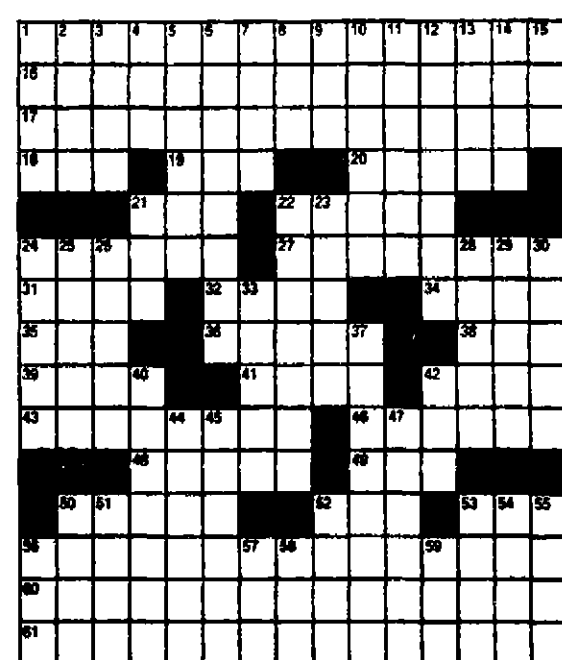
- 60 Loaded, so to speak
- 61 Capitol Hill prizes

DOWN

- 1 Ne plus ultra
- 2 Modern Media
- 3 Officially listed. Abbr.
- 4 Sun shade
- 5 Opera set in Cyprus
- 6 Dictator
- 7 Bit of eye makeup
- 8 Remote button
- 9 Day of the week: Abbr.
- 10 In song, words before "a wiz there was"
- 11 "The Last of —" (1973 whodunit)
- 12 Pathetically inept person
- 13 Suffix with deduct
- 14 Made yarns
- 15 Orly connections?
- 21 A discouraging word
- 22 Convenience provider
- 23 Swallow-tailed

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DISCS CALM PASS
ASCOT AXEL AREA
GROVER CLEVELAND
REMOTE NORAD
LAP STU POD ATE
OPTE CSFORESTER
PROAS ASCAP
INTHECLEARING
MOUND STEAK
TIGERMOODS ZAZA
ATONE CRAVAT
GOVERNOPERATION
UTES ALAS NEEDA
PORT DEET SEEDY



Puzzle by Martin Armstrong-Smith

- 26 "And I —"
- 28 Like many inscriptions
- 29 Spiral-horned animal
- 30 Arouses, with "up"
- 33 Sired
- 37 Classic Stenbeck story
- 47 Noted shoe sewer
- 50 Gael's tongue
- 51 Weaver's bobbin
- 53 Oceanic threat
- 55 Council site of 1409
- 56 — above
- 58 Dump
- 59 — seul (dance solo)
- 67 Place for a plug
- 68 23d of a series
- 69 "Fore" site

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